



**U.S. Department of Justice**

*United States Attorney  
Eastern District of California*

*501 I Street, Suite 10-100  
Sacramento, California 95814*

*916/554-2700  
Fax 916/554-2900*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 22, 2004

*Contact: Patty Pontello, 916-554-2706  
[www.usdoj.gov/usao/cae/home](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/cae/home)*

**PARADISE TEEN INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING AND  
POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment charging CLINTON PALMER STEWART, 19, of Paradise, with distribution and possession of child pornography.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Butte County Sheriff's Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Camil A. Skipper, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that STEWART knowingly distributed images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct through the Internet. The indictment also alleges that he possessed such images on a computer. The indictment further alleges that STEWART had sexually abused at least two minors in the past.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for distributing child pornography is twenty years imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$250,000. A five-year term of imprisonment is required. The maximum penalty for possession of child pornography is ten years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000.

If convicted of either offense, STEWART will be required to register as a sex offender pursuant to federal law, and will forfeit to the government the computer hard drive used in the offense.

The charges are only allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

###